

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES
INBOUND EXPRESS MAIL INTERNATIONAL (EMS)
ORIGINATING FROM FOREIGN POSTS

Docket No. MC2009-10

Docket No. CP2009-12

**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE QUARTERLY UPDATE IN RESPONSE
TO ORDER NO. 162**
(January 2, 2013)

In Order No. 162, the Postal Regulatory Commission (Commission) added Inbound International Expedited Services 2 to the Competitive Product List.¹ That order also directed the Postal Service to file a quarterly update of the “list organizing the [inbound Express Mail Service (EMS)] agreements to be grouped under each of the three tiers” of service.² The three service tiers included the following:³

- 1) Pay-for-performance: Members of the Kahala Posts Group and EMS Cooperative members who elect to comply with pay-for-performance provisions;
- 2) EMS Cooperative: EMS Cooperative members who elect not to comply with pay-for performance provisions; and
- 3) All Others: Foreign postal administrations who choose not to be members of the EMS Cooperative.

¹ PRC Order No. 162, Order Adding Inbound International Expedited Services 2 to Competitive Product List, Docket Nos. MC2009-10 and CP2009-12, December 31, 2008. See also Docket Nos. CP2009-57, CP2010-90, CP2011-66, and CP2012-52 concerning Inbound International Expedited Services 2 rates for 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013, respectively.

² PRC Order No. 162, at 9-10.

³ Request of the United States Postal Service Regarding Inbound Express Mail International (EMS) from Foreign Posts to Add Inbound International Expedited Services 2 to Competitive Product List; and Notice of Establishment of Rates and Classifications Not of General Applicability, Docket Nos. MC2009-10 and CP2009-12, November 19, 2008, at 2.

Subsequently, in the Postal Service's Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Changes in Rates Not of General Applicability, filed in Docket No. CP2009-57, the Postal Service reiterated that, as it had "indicated previously, all members of the EMS Cooperative are now expected to participate in the Pay-for-Performance Plan" starting in calendar year 2010.⁴ Thus, the former three-tier structure for Inbound International Expedited Services 2 has now been consolidated into two tiers:

Tier 1: postal operators with a performance-level agreement, such as EMS Pay-for-performance Plan participants and Kahala Posts Group members (former tiers 1 and 2), and

Tier 2: all other postal operators that transmit EMS to the United States (former tier 3).⁵

On August 19, 2009, the Commission issued Order No. 281, which determined that the Postal Service's "proposed rates for Inbound International Expedited Services 2 are in accord with the relevant statutory and regulatory requirements."⁶ In neither that Order nor any succeeding Order concerning Inbound International Expedited Services 2 rates⁷ did the Commission direct the Postal Service to file a quarterly update of the list organizing the agreements to be grouped under the two modified tiers, as it had in Order No. 162 with the original three tiers. Nevertheless, in keeping with the Commission's direction

⁴ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Changes in Rates Not of General Applicability, Docket No. CP2009-57, July 28, 2009, at 2.

⁵ *Id.* at 3.

⁶ PRC Order No. 281, Order Concerning Filing of Changes in Rates for Inbound International Expedited Services 2, Docket No. CP2009-57, August 19, 2009, at 5.

⁷ See PRC Order No. 523, Order Concerning Filing of Changes in Rates for Inbound International Expedited Services 2, Docket No. CP2010-90, August 23, 2010; PRC Order No. 806, Order Approving Changes in Rates for Inbound International Expedited Services 2, Docket No. CP2011-66, August 16, 2011; PRC Order No. 1456, Order Approving Rates Change for Inbound International Expedited Services 2, Docket No. CP2012-52, August 30, 2012.

given in Order No. 162, the Postal Service provides the attached listing of the countries assigned to the two tiers from October 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

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**POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS ASSIGNED TO EACH TIER OF
INBOUND INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITED SERVICES 2
(October 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012)**

Tier 1: Pay-for-performance & Kahala Posts Group Members	Tier 2: All others
Anguilla	Afghanistan
Aruba	Albania
Azerbaijan	Algeria
Bahamas	Angola
Barbados	Antigua and Barbuda
Belarus	Argentina
Belgium	Armenia
Belize	Bangladesh
Bermuda	Benin
Botswana	Bhutan
Brazil	Bolivia
Burundi	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Cayman Islands	Brunei Darussalam
Chile	Bulgaria
Costa Rica	Burkina Faso
Croatia	Cambodia
Cyprus	Cameroon
Czech Republic	Cape Verde
Denmark	Central Africa
El Salvador	Chad
Finland	Colombia
France	Comoros
Ghana	Congo (Dem. Rep.)
Great Britain	Congo (Rep.)
Greece	Cote d'Ivoire
Hong Kong	Cuba
Hungary	Djibouti
India	Dominica
Israel	Dominican Republic
Italy	Ecuador
Jamaica	Egypt
Japan	Eritrea
Jordan	Estonia
Kazakhstan	Ethiopia
Korea	Falkland Islands
Lao People's Dem Rep.	Fiji
Latvia	French Polynesia
Lithuania	Gabon
Madagascar	Gambia
Malaysia	Georgia
Maldives	Germany

Tier 1: Pay-for-performance & Kahala Posts Group Members	Tier 2: All others
Malta	Gibraltar
Mauritius	Grenada
Mexico	Guatemala
Mongolia	Guinea
Netherlands Antilles	Guinea-Bissau
New Zealand	Guyana
Norway	Honduras
Poland	Iceland
Russia	Indonesia
Rwanda	Iran
Saudi Arabia	Iraq
Singapore	Ireland
Spain	Kenya
St. Kitts and Nevis	Kiribati
St. Lucia	Kosovo UNMIK
Sweden	Kuwait
Syria	Kyrgyzstan
Taiwan	Lebanon
Trinidad and Tobago	Lesotho
Uganda	Liberia
United Arab Emirates	Libya
Uruguay	Liechtenstein
Viet Nam	Luxembourg
	Macao
	Macedonia
	Malawi
	Mali
	Mauritania
	Moldova
	Monaco
	Montserrat
	Morocco
	Mozambique
	Myanmar
	Namibia
	Nauru
	Nepal
	New Caledonia
	Nicaragua
	Niger
	Nigeria
	Oman
	Pakistan
	Panama
	Papua New Guinea
	Paraguay

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